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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. A system comprising:
a computer having a processing unit, a main memory, and a local bus;
a device coupled to the local bus, wherein the device occupies an I/O slot on the local bus and is accessible at a first set of addresses corresponding to a first communications port, and the device has a register set with an address assignment in the first set of addresses that differs from a standard address assignment of a register set for a UART corresponding to the I/O slot; and